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Yukitoshi TAKEUCHI, et al.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

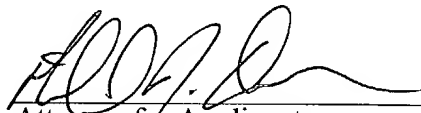
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which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Original copy and English translation of People's Republic of China Office Action dated April 30, 2004 (Application No. 01122873.3)

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